

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 133

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A RESOLUTION to honor Gracie Gipson as Miss Tennessee
Teen America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Gracie Gipson, the reigning Miss Tennessee Teen America, who will represent Tennessee in the Miss Teen America pageant in Los Angeles, California, on August 2-5, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gipson was previously crowned Miss Junior Teen United States in Washington, D.C., in 2015; and

WHEREAS, a sophomore at Jackson County High School in Gainesboro, Gracie Gipson is an honor student and a member of the volleyball team; and

WHEREAS, a staunch advocate for hunger awareness, Gracie Gipson coordinated The Very Hungry Caterpillar Children's Food Drive and implemented the outreach program Full of Hope, which provides healthy snacks for school children; she devotes much of her time volunteering in her local food bank and The Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gipson enjoys hiking and kayaking and has dedicated herself to promoting outdoor fitness and conservation with Healthy Parks Healthy Person TN, a Tennessee State Parks program that encourages citizens to improve their mental and physical health by going outside and enjoying our state parks; and

WHEREAS, Gracie Gipson's accomplishments are a special source of pride for her family, her many friends, and her hometown of Gainesboro, which has declared July 5 to be "Gracie Gipson Day," and it is fitting that she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Gracie Gipson as the reigning Miss Tennessee Teen America, applaud her many contributions to her community, and extend to her our best wishes as she represents Tennessee in the Miss Teen America pageant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.